



Sensivity

Deafblind and Sensory

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Children's Intervenor Services Funding Program Guidelines and Application

Effective April 2026



Overview

Sensity believes in a world embracing human connections and diversity. This vision encompasses children in the province of Ontario who require Intervenor Services outside of the school setting. We are happy to be able to offer funding that promotes social activities and opportunities.

Sensity's Children's Intervenor Services program is designed to assist children who are deafblind to be involved in their communities with the support of Intervenor services. The funding is also intended to support family caregivers with training opportunities related to deafblindness, as well as with the costs associated with assessment or consultation related to the condition of deafblindness. The program is also designed to assist with costs that may be associated with the Intervenor.

The key **goals** of the program are to:

- Foster communication to support ongoing development, community participation and social activities.
- Promote social inclusion through the support of an Intervenor.
- Support families and caregivers with intervenor services so they can continue in a supportive role.
- Increased training opportunities for those supporting the individual with deafblindness.

Eligibility

- Children who from the age of identification to **21 years of age and enrolled in an educational program as of September 2026** are eligible for the program.
- The application must also be accompanied by a functional deafblind assessment that has been completed by a specialist specifically trained in deafblindness.
- The application must also be accompanied by reports, not older than 5 years, from an audiologist and an ophthalmologist.
- Children living in group homes or supported by other agencies are **ineligible** for this program.
- Family members are **ineligible** to be paid for the provision of Intervenor Services or Respite Services. **Sensity will pay the service provider directly and will not reimburse payments made to parents.**



Expenses

Allowable Expenses

- Intervenor Services- **maximum \$23/hour rate**
- Intervenor admissions to recreation, social, leisure, fitness or community events
- Program fees, camp fees
- Parent or caregiver training related to deafblindness
- Intervenor training
- Assessment related to deafblindness
- Respite services from **Licensed Respite Program** providers only
- Sensory items that support sensory processing and gross motor development. Sensity pre-approval required.

Ineligible Expenses

- Equipment Funding (including technology devices, such as tablets)
- Mobility devices
- Intervenor services provided by family members
- Travel expenses
- Daycare
- Indirect support (e.g. cleaning, meal preparation, care of other family members, snow removal)
- Post-secondary tuition and expenses
- Therapy sessions (e.g. ABA therapy, occupational/physical therapy, speech-language therapy).

List of Necessary Documentation

- Sensity will prioritize direct payment over reimbursement to families.
- For Sensity to **directly pay**, please ensure the vendor's HST# is listed on the invoice (if applicable).
- For reimbursement to you, a valid, itemized receipt from the vendor. (debit or credit card receipts only cannot be accepted).
- Please include with any receipts, details of the item and/or service provided (i.e. training, program fee, camp fee, etc.).

If you have any questions regarding what constitutes eligible/ineligible expenses or what documentation we require in order to release your funds, please contact us at: **cisf@sensity.ca**

Application Process

Funding Period

April 1st, 2026 – March 31st, 2027

- All Applications must be received by the Sensity office no later than May 1st, 2026
- Applications will be accepted by email or mail.
- Applications must not exceed \$1200 annually.
- All applicants will receive a response to their request by May 15, 2026.
- Funding approvals will be based on the number of applications and the amount of available resources.
- Incomplete applications that do not contain all the required documentation cannot be processed.
- Expenses cannot be incurred before April 1, 2026.

Download an application from: www.sensity.ca or contact Sensity at 1-519-442-0463 ext. 132. *Applications received after the deadline will be ineligible for the program.*

Deafblind Assessment

The deafblind functional assessment must be completed by the assessment team from W. Ross Macdonald School Deafblind Resource Services, Centre Jules Leger Deafblind Resource Services or a specialist in deafblindness.

Vision Report

The vision report must be completed by a registered ophthalmologist or optometrist. The report must be less than 5 years old. If a vision report is not available because testing was inconclusive there must be documentation from the practitioner to support this.

Audiologist Report

The audiology report must be completed by a registered audiologist. The report must be less than 5 years old. If an audiology report is not available because testing was inconclusive there must be documentation from the practitioner to support this.